



NOTES

October 13, 2000

I. INTRODUCTIONS

The October 13, 2000, meeting of the Education Telecommunications Council was held at Iowa Public Television and various ICN sites. The following members were present: Robert Barak, Board of Regents; Al Bode, ISEA; James Bodensteiner, Board of Regents; Merv Cronbaugh, IACCT; Margaret Buckton for Mary Gannon, IASB; John Hartung, IAICU; Gary Hayden, AEA Boards; David Montgomery, DE/CIANS; Kathryn O'Shaughnessy, ISEA; Pam Pfitzenmaier, IPTV; Ron Larson for Mary Travillian, AEA Boards and Rich Gross, Exofficio. Dean Borg, IASB; Paul Bowers, IAICU; Gene Gardner, IACCT; Connie Maxson, SAI; Kay Runge, DE/Libraries; Mick Starcevich, SAI; and Gail Sullivan, DE, were absent.

The following visitors were also present: John Haack, RTC 10; Linda Abel, RTC 15; Roger Rezabek, RTC 7; Kathy Williams, ICN; Jim Sutton, ISEA; Julie Thomas, RTC 6; Joan Ketels, UNI; and Debbie Fiscus, IPTV.

II. ISSUE: 21st Century Learning Infrastructure Project

This meeting of the ETC was called to discuss the support role the ETC might play with the 21st Century Learning Infrastructure Project. Chair Al Bode opened the discussion with an overview of the purpose of the meeting, followed by a presentation from Rich Gross. Rich Gross' company, RDR Associates, has been contracted to conduct the activities related to this project.

Rich outlined that the 21st Century Learning Infrastructure Project is funded by an appropriation from the Legislature to the University of Northern Iowa. The overall project is directed by a leadership team from the University of Northern Iowa, the Iowa Department of Education and the Information Technology Department. The project actually consists of two components. The first is the Pilot Project that is currently underway. The second component is a study of the needs and existing resources for an expanded infrastructure design. This is the project that the ETC is asked to support.

The initial phases of the second component will last approximately 1 year. This study will go through systematic assessment of needs of the State in terms of its learning infrastructure. Rich then shared the draft mission of the second component of the project. **Draft Mission:** To

assess statewide educational needs and opportunities in order to develop a 21st Century Learning Infrastructure vision and plan, utilizing a wide range of information technologies, that supports the efforts of Iowa schools and colleges in providing learning opportunities within and beyond the bounds of the traditional classroom, and which supports statewide lifelong learning efforts.

Goals:

- Establish the vision
- Identify current and future technology infrastructure needs
- Identify existing technologies/structures
- Identify resources
- Determine priorities
- Develop specifications
- Reports/Bids/Actions

Committees:

Another important part of the second component of the project is to establish 3 committees "under the support and guidance of the ETC."

1. Steering Committee

- 8-10 members
- Meets every other month or as needed, plus online work
- Helps set the direction for the project
- Will review documents, research results, and scanning results
- Reviews draft material
- Helps set the vision

2. Users' Committee

- 15-20 members
- Meets 2-3 times during the process, plus online reviews
- Reviews final drafts and results
- Provides appropriate input and direction
- Helps keep the project meaningful

3. Technical Committee

- 15-20 members
- Represents a wide range of learning technology expertise
- Assists with reviews of the technology audit
- Helps with new technology research
- Assists with the development of technical specifications
- Assists/reviews RFP drafts

- Committees should include representatives from the ETC, RTCs, ICN, and other important stakeholders
- Committees will meeting initially in a half-day retreat setting for orientation and needs assessment exercises

There was a discussion following the presentation by Rich Gross and a motion was made:

Motion 1

Robert Barak made a motion that the ETC create the 3 committees for the 21st Century Learning Infrastructure project outlined by Rich Gross. David Montgomery seconded.

Ayes-12, Nays-0, Absent-6, Not voting-0. Motion passed unanimously.

III. ADJOURNMENT

The October 13, 2000, special meeting of the Education Telecommunications Council adjourned at 11:28 a.m. The next regular meeting of the ETC will be held December 14, 2000, at Iowa Public Television.

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